

## **Moran Concerned about Flu Shot Shortages in Kansas**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran today expressed his concern to the three companies responsible for producing the majority of this year's supply of seasonal flu vaccine regarding current shortages of the vaccine across Kansas.

"Communities across Kansas are currently facing shortages of seasonal flu vaccine," said Moran. "Three companies have been contracted to produce 100 million of our nation's expected 114 million doses of this year's vaccine and I want to make sure they are aware of the shortages we are facing and urge them to make every effort to fill vaccine orders in full and deliver them to Kansas providers in a timely manner.

"I have received reports that the companies have encountered delays in producing and shipping the seasonal flu vaccine and that some Kansas health care providers are receiving fewer doses of the vaccine than they ordered. I am concerned with these delays and cutbacks because Kansas health care providers have already been forced to turn away patients and county health offices across the state have had to cancel flu shot clinics due to supply shortages. I recognize the challenges the companies face due to the rush to produce millions of doses of the new H1N1 flu vaccine and the increased demand for flu shots this year, but I want to be sure they are aware of the situation on the ground in Kansas. I will continue to monitor this issue closely."

Moran addressed his request to the chief executive officers of Sanofi Pasteur, Novartis AG, and GlaxoSmithKline PLC.

Moran is Chairman of the House Rural Health Care Coalition and co-founder of the Congressional Community Pharmacy Coalition.

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